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California Job Creator: Mounting Systems (West Sacramento)

Project Summary: In January 2011, Mounting Systems GmbH—a German-based company and one of the leading enterprises in developing mounting structures for photovoltaic installations—opened its newest facility in West Sacramento, CA with the guidance of the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

Impact: Mounting Systems 60,000 sq-ft facility initially created 15 jobs when opening in January 2011. It will add an additional 85 jobs by 2013 as the green market continues to grow.

Background: With already more than 18 years of experience, 250 employees in Germany, and renowned competency in the field of renewable energies, Mounting Systems decided it'd be profitable for them to expand by establishing a location in California. The California Governor's Office of Economic Development was contacted, and shortly thereafter they had collected a list of location criteria from Mounting Systems, provided Mounting Systems with all relevant location options in return, and then begun handling all communication with the various CA communities.

After Mounting Systems narrowed down their options, the GoED team planned an itinerary of visits to all the buildings in each California community, which included Morgan Hill, Benicia, Fairfield, Sacramento, West Sacramento, Stockton and Tracy. The tours provided pertinent information including estimated costs for building improvements, explanation of state and local incentives, job training and community profiles.

After 20+ buildings had been visited, Mounting Systems decided upon the location of West Sacramento due to various factors and incentives such as building advantages, the area's comfortable lifestyle, and the best opportunity to prosper. Here, the company will expand its customer base in one of the fastest growing California employment sectors, the solar industry.

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